IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An audio and/or video generation apparatus which is arranged in operation to generate audio and/or video ~~signals~~ material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said audio and/or video generation apparatus comprising

[[-]] a recording means which is arranged in operation to record said audio and/or video signals representing said audio and/or video material on a recording medium, ~~wherein~~ and

[[-]] ~~said audio and/or video generation apparatus is arranged to receive metadata associated with said audio and/or video signals generated by a data processor, said recording means being arranged in operation to record said metadata on said recording medium with said audio and/or video signals.~~

a metadata generation processor which is arranged in operation to receive said audio and/or video signals, and to generate metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/ video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each unique identification code uniquely identifying one of the parts of audio and/or video material.

2. (currently amended) An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said recording means is arranged in operation to record said metadata on said recording medium with said audio and/or video signals.comprising an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said data processor to said audio and/or video generation apparatus, whereby said generation apparatus is arranged to receive said metadata.

3. (currently amended) An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said metadata generation processor is operable to generate an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and to store said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.data processor is arranged to detect signals representative of the time code of the recorded audio/video signals, and said metadata includes time code data representative of the in and out points of a take of the audio/video signals generated by said data processor.

4. (currently amended) An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable data processor, the portable data processor being arranged to provide second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said recording means being arranged to record said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media.is a unique identification code nor identifying the audio/video signals.

5. (currently amended)   An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable data processor, the portable data processor being arranged to provide second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said metadata generation processor being arranged to store said second metadata with said first metadata in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.4, wherein the unique identification code is a UMID or the like.

6-24 (cancelled)

25. (new)   An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID).

26. (new)   A method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and/or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,

recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,

generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,

wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more

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parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

27. (new)   A method as claimed in Claim 26, comprising

recording said metadata on said recording medium with said audio and/or video signals.

28. (new)   A method as claimed in Claim 26, comprising

generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.

29. (new)   A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said metadata generated automatically is first metadata, and said method comprises

generating in response to user commands second metadata, and

recording said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media.

30. (new)   A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said metadata generated automatically is first metadata, and said method comprises

generating in response to user commands second metadata; and

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storing said second metadata with said first metadata in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.

30. (new)   A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID).

31. (new)   A computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a data processor causes the data processor to perform a method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,

recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,

generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.